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My Dear Sir

I received your very
 flattering letter a few
 days ago. And in answer
 I give you the names
 of my married sister
 Elizabeth. The eldest is
 by far the most talented
 and thoroughly educated
 woman in the family.
 She is unmarried and
 lives at Rensselaer
 (London) by her self and
 is one of the greatest
 scholars in the world.

The editor's several well
known magazines
and books reviewed
but never gives her
name to any thing

She is who Hunt
Agnes says in her Preface
to the Decade of England
"she is indebted to her
habitable assistance
in completing the work
in the West - That assistance
I doubt if the work
could have been
soon written - She
prepared all the matter
for Agnes Agnes to

wrote from - Translated
all the old Norman songs
& letters from the original
old Norman French
and Latin & the still
more difficult ground
old English style and
spelling - Besides that
she assisted in the
actual composition
their style being so
like that one would
go on where the other
left off without their
being any perceptible
difference - I am sure
you will have detected

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Historian - Dred in course
and the country with
good results and a
favourable library has
been favourable for
making her such
the most lovely
face and all who
know her say is
most charming in
every way. Her only
fault being extraordinary
family pride.

The next Sarah
has been married
twice - she was con-
sidered the beauty
of the family and
has published her

Thinking through I believe
that the rest was
written before your
coming but never sent
them courage to have
any thing printed.

Her first husband
was a Mr Childs
of that profession I know
not but was a close
separate man from
either of his that I
have seen to know.
She was for many
years a widow &
then married a man
of considerable fortune
a Mr Richard Guillem

(I am not quite sure of
spelling it properly) The
is Rector of Woburn
in Lancashire. She never
had any children.

The next I am Margaret
had what she calls
"a religious reputation"
is also married and
lives at Rydall Hall
with her mother who
is still living though
separated of nearly - 50
years. She wrote
nearly most of her
poems but latterly
confined herself to the

to religious stories &
 facts. The man however
 lately published a
 History of Rome called
 Roman Regal & Republican
 This had taken him
 many years to compile
 & is I believe a good
 work but owing to
 its really not being
 needed in the library
 would have not sold
 so rapidly as was
 expected. He has
 also published some
 other work lately but
 do not know the

taller of it -

Then comes Mrs
Vail & last but not
least my own dear
Mother - The eldest
son Samuel was so
father is some weeks
less than a year
younger than Mamma
has been in Canada
since he was a
boy of nineteen &
has had three wives
& something like fifteen
children visiting
England some years
ago in search of a

third wife. Was persuaded
to write a book upon
the History of Maryland. ^{very done}
The book was
published by Hunt & Co.
This book was a very
great sale though
it being surrounded
with doubts & was
as it came out
almost at the same
time with "Toughing
it in the bush" & as
it overlooked most
of the hardships of
a backwoods life
& spoke only of the
advantages it did

not seem true
It was however true
at the coming out of
young Adapted him-
self to the country
& married a girl brought
up in the woods who
had a large family
of brothers who assisted
him in the first
hard work of clearing
land &c. All these
other villages however
& paper had not yet
been they first came
out well as much

disgusted with the
rough look of the people
as the handshakes they
gave to me.

Uncle Strickland or
the Colonel as he is
commonly known is
from being such an
the match at the
time of the rebellion
has done a great
deal of good to the
country. In bringing
out young gentlemen
from England to
teach them farming
all these young men

have either massive
 Canadian or some form
 for which most Nations
 are except from have
 settled as close as
 possible to him.

The consequence is
 that the same place
 that was a wilderness
 twenty years ago is
 now a flourishing village
 & may almost say town
 of 'Lakefield' which is
 a sort of Patriarchal Home
 there called 'Governance'
 by all the 'Students'
 as we used laughingly
 to call them. It is a
 regular picture of

A handsome, tall,
looking English man.
He had built a
superb house
& had an elegant wife.
His house is
a sort of rendezvous
for all sorts of people.
The holds a situation in the Canada Co.
He had still twelve
children. Who are
certainly a credit
to Backwoods, bringing
up - all steady. The
two eldest daughters
are married one in
Toronto the other now
in Ohio. The third

A girl about eighteen
Spends a good deal
of her time here is
pretty & had the honor
of dancing with the Prince
of Wales at Hamilton.

The three other sons
are all well married
the fourth I see was married
on the North British
on his way home
to be married.

The youngest brother
Thomas Strickland
was Captain of an
East India Man for

many years. And
though still at sea
I have never where
I found something
likely of his coming
out to try and beat
the American blacked
his way only to know
He has a large family
but we know nothing
of them at all

Now I have given
you a regular gossiping
account of the whole
family for your own
benefit but by no means
tell half what I

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Have told you in
your book. My cousin
Mrs Sulley begs me to
tell you by no means
to give any date which
might lead to any
discovery of age. You
should it ever be
seen by the old maid
at home there would
be mortal offence
given. Old as they
are they is appears
look wonderfully
young. Indeed your
Grandmother a speaks
of them in her letter
as the girls considering

That the youngest of
all my Mother's grand-
children of even teen
years of age - it is rather
absurd to say the least
of it. But every one
has their weak points
and it is better not
to offend them.

You may however
do as you please -
but be guarded not
to say too much. As
I would get into trouble
if they found out
that I gave you
the information.

I believe I made Mother
two years younger in
my last letter to you
than she really is. She
was born in 1803. Not
in 1805 as I at first
thought. I suppose
they could have no
objection to your giving
the date of Mamma's
marriage. As my sister
& I are living witnesses
(& by the bye look ten
years older than we
are) to prove that she
must have been married
at least thirty years.

I am the youngest of
the two but as I was
married at seventeen.
I have an immense
family (eight) five
still living. So to Henry
and his second wife
a perfect absurdity
but Mamma always
annoyed her sister
by her frankness upon
that subject.

Beginning that you
will excuse this very
long & rambling letter
as I have had many
assumptious I hope